

FWP TRACKING SUMMARY
2017 LEGISLATION
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The following are bills FWP is tracking that pertain, in most instances, to the FWP resources we are responsible for managing in trust for the citizens of Montana.

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** Bills that were Tabled in Committee, Missed Transmittal date, etc.*

BILL #	SPONSOR	SUMMARY AND STATUS
*HB 69	Court	Extends the Paddlefish Roe Donation Program, which allows those legally taking paddlefish from the Yellowstone to donate the roe to a Montana non-profit. Tabled in House Committee 1/24/17
HB 82	Bachmeier	Would revise the vertebrate pest management program, including revising the list of vertebrate pests. Referred to Senate Committee 1/24/17
HB 96	Z. Brown	Revises laws related to the issuance of free elk hunting license and permits to landowners who offer free public elk hunting. House Hearing 1/10/17
HB 97	Loge	Increases the maximum payment a landowner who participates in the Block Management Program may receive from \$12,000 to \$15,000 a year. House Hearing 1/12/17
HB 98	Ellis	Revises predatory animal definitions by adding striped skunk and removing civet cat. Senate Hearing 1/26/17
HB 107	Glimm	Creates a surface water assessment and monitoring program. House Hearing 1/25/17
HB 108	B. Smith	Reauthorizes the allocation of wild buffalo licenses to tribes for traditional purposes. Referred to Senate 1/25/17
HB 128	Shaw	Revises the waiting period for persons taking Bighorn Sheep in unlimited districts. Referred to Senate Committee 1/26/17
HB 150	White	Would clarify resident hunting and fishing license criteria for armed forces members, their spouses and dependents. Would add the spouse of a military member stationed in Montana to certain privileges. Senate Hearing 1/26/17
HB 151	Ballance	Revises laws related to shooting range grant funds including requiring the expenditure or obligation of funds within the year they are appropriated and providing penalties. House 1 st Reading 1/4/17
*HB 154	Curdy	Would limit the possession and use of exploding targets on state lands. Tabled in House Committee 1/24/17
HB 164	Flynn	Increases the amount of base hunting license revenue that is dedicated to the hunting access enhancement programs from \$2 to \$5 for residents also increases the nonresident base hunting license fee from \$15 to \$20 of which \$15 versus \$10 goes to the hunting access enhancement programs. House Hearing 1/12/17
HB 204	Redfield	Would require a \$25 access site maintenance decal for each vessel using an FAS and establishes uses of revenue. House Hearing 1/26/17

HB 211	Hamlett	Would require a sage grouse population report. House Hearing 1/18/17
HB 214	Brown	Would revise laws related to the production of fish at the Fort Peck Hatchery, including eliminating the prohibition of FWP producing more than 750,000 cold water fish at the hatchery each year. House 2 nd Reading 1/27/17
HB 228	Keane	Would revise funding for the Montana Greater Sage Grouse Stewardship Act. House Hearing 1/25/17
*HB 234	Ellis	Would revise laws related to the use of personal floatation devices. Tabled in House Committee 1/26/17
HB 240	White	Would clarify allowed uses of groomed snowmobile trails with snowmobile trail passes. House 3 rd Reading 1/27/17
HB 243	Jacobson	Would prohibit outfitting on State Lands that are inaccessible to the public. House Hearing 1/26/17
HB 263	Fitzgerald	Would revise an adverse effects analysis for water right permits on Muddy Creek of the Sun River. House Hearing 1/25/17
HB 286	Shaw	Would allow the livestock loss board to address livestock loss for lion predation in addition to reimbursement for wolf and grizzly bear depredation. House Hearing 1/24/17
HB 290	Jacobson	Would revise the powers and duties of the board of outfitters, require and establish annual outfitter reporting requirements. House Hearing 2/2/17
HB 294	Price	Encourages municipalities and school districts to develop accessible playgrounds and would appropriate funds to FWP to distribute grants for the purpose of securing additional funds. House Hearing 1/26/17
HB 305	Harris	Would revise laws related to county bounties on predators and allow counties to establish the dollar amount of bounties. Also revises funding sources for bounties. House Hearing 1/31/17
HB 311	Peppers	Would authorize veterans' preference for reserving certain block management areas on Veterans Day. House Hearing 2/2/17
HB 315	Essmann	Would revise laws related to discounted hunting and fishing licenses available to nonresident relatives of residents and authorizing the sale of elk only combination licenses. House Hearing 1/31/17
HB 318	Lavin	Would change the fee for the nonresident college student big game combination license to \$120. House Hearing 1/31/17
HB 324	Hamlett	Would generally revise the administration of recreational resource programs. Administratively attaches the Parks Board to the department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks. Provides authority to the board to hire an executive director of State Parks and Recreation who would serve as secretary to the board. House 1 st Reading 1/26/17
*SB 49	Ankney	Revises laws related to discounted hunting and fishing licenses for nonresident relatives of residents. Removes the requirement to complete a Montana Hunter Safety Course and redefines eligible residents, sponsors and family members. Senate Bill not heard at Sponsor's Request 1/24/17
SB 50	Pomnichowski	Would allow electronic validation of electronic hunting licenses or tags for game animals and wild turkeys. Senate Committee Report—Bill Passed as Amended 1/25/17
SB 51	Facey	Revises laws related to fish pond licenses. Senate Committee Report—Bill Passed as Amended 1/25/17
SB 52	Cohenour	Clarifies additional penalties for hunting while using projected artificial light. House Hearing 2/2/17
SB 74	Connell	Would authorize the F&W Commission to require barbless hooks in catch and release waters. Senate Hearing 1/12/17
SB 84	Hinebauch	Would revise the paddlefish roe donation program, extend the program and rename the paddlefish grant advisory committee. House Committee Report-Bill Concurred 1/25/17
SB 91	Hinkle	Would clarify what constitutes shooting from a vehicle for hunting purposes. Senate Committee Report—Bill Passed as Amended 1/25/17
SB 98	C. Smith	Would establish the Montana Property Fairness Act requiring a governmental entity to compensate property owners if government action diminishes the property's fair market value. Senate Hearing 1/27/17

SB 110	M. Phillips	Would allow funds in the wolf management account to be used for management activities. Those funds are currently restricted to wolf collaring activities and certain lethal actions. Senate Hearing 1/31/17
SB 111	Regier	Would prohibit the supplemental feeding of wild turkeys. Senate Hearing 1/31/17
SB 119	Hinkle	Would expand those individuals that would be eligible to receive a nonresident elk only or deer combination license at one-half price. Senate Hearing 1/26/17
SB 161	Webb	Would revise the vehicle registration fee earmarked for State Parks from an opt out to an opt in regarding paying the fee. Would also increase the fee from \$6 to \$25 and adjust the amounts to be used for various purposes. Senate introduced 1/26/17

HUMAN RESOURCES

BILL #	SPONSOR	SUMMARY AND STATUS
HB 13	Funk	State employee pay plan. House 1 st reading 1/2/17

APPROPRIATIONS/MONEY

BILL #	SPONSOR	SUMMARY AND STATUS
HB 2	Ballance	General appropriations act. House Hearing 1/27/17
HB 5	Keane	Long range building appropriations. House 1 st Reading 1/2/17
HB 7	Keane	Appropriates money to the DNRC for certain grants under the Reclamation and Development Grants Program. House Hearing 1/12/17